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Bob Ingersoll
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Re: Permit Review Status, Barrick Resources (USA), Inc., Mercur Mine, M/045/017, Tooele County, Utah

Dear Mr. Ingersoll:

On April 24, 2002, the Division received Barrick's amendment modifying the existing reclamation plan for the Mercur mine. Due to a backlog of other permit reviews and other extenuating circumstances, the Division has not been able to complete a review of this plan within the usual timeframe. We apologize for the delay and any inconvenience this may cause you.

We hope to complete our review of your application by the end of June. We appreciate your patience and understanding in this regard. Please contact me if you have questions or concerns with this proposed review schedule.

Sincerely,

Joelle Burns
Minerals Secretary

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